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U. S. WEATHER BUREAU, February 5.—Last 24 hours' rainfall, .14.
Temperature, Mex. 76; Min. 66. Weather, showery.



ESTABLISHED JULY 2, 1854.

SUGAR.—96 Degree Test Centrifugals, 3.75c. Per Ton, \$75.00.
88 Analysis Beets, 10a. Per Ton, \$82.50.

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HONOLULU, HAWAII TERRITORY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1908.

PRICE FIVE CENTS.

MRS. SMIDT CLAIMS VAST PROPERTY IN HEART OF HONOLULU

A Denver Woman Who Thinks She May Recover a Great Fortune Here--Wants Swedish Government to Help.

Rocky Mountain News.—A claim to property of enormous value in Honolulu, which may ultimately have to be settled through diplomatic negotiations between the American and Swedish governments, is held by Mrs. Mary L. Smidt, an aged Swedish woman living in Denver. Mrs. Smidt's claim, if finally recovered, will bring her a fortune estimated at millions of dollars. She is preparing to leave in a few weeks for Honolulu, where she will make every effort to locate the real estate which was owned by her husband thirty years ago.

Mrs. Smidt lived until recently at 3707 Walnut street. At present she is rooming on Blake street between Thirty-sixth and Thirty-seventh streets. She has lived in Denver for years and is well known among the Swedes in her neighborhood.

The woman who claims property valued at millions is the widow of Charles Smidt. The couple were born in Sweden and came to America in early life. Neither one, however, was ever naturalized in this country. For that reason Mrs. Smidt is trying to have her claim looked up by the Swedish government.

In 1868 Charles I. Smidt went to Hawaii. He stayed there until 1880 and acquired a large amount of real estate in what is now the heart of Honolulu. Finally he got into some trouble and left the island, returning to Denver. He left his property in the hands of three friends as trustees. The names of two of the men were Chamberlain and Park. The name of the third trustee is unknown.

The management of the property by the trustees was decidedly unsatisfactory and Smidt made up his mind to return to Honolulu and take charge of the property himself. Before he could make arrangements to go back, however, he died in the late '80s.

Mrs. Smidt has retained Wayne C. Williams as attorney and through him began negotiations with the Swedish consul in Honolulu, George Rodiek. The Swedish consul in Denver has also been consulted. Rodiek wrote he would make every effort to locate the property.

RAISULI GETS \$100,000 RANSOM FOR MACLEAN



SIR HARRY MACLEAN.

(Associated Press Cablegram.)

TANGIER, February 6.—Sir Harry Maclean, who was captured some months ago by the bandit Raisuli, will be released today on the payment of \$100,000 ransom.

THE CANADIANS ARE STILL BAITING THEIR LITTLE BROWN ALLIES

They Have Passed a Bill to Admit No Immigrants Who Cannot Speak English or Some Other European Tongue.

(Associated Press Cablegrams.)

VICTORIA, February 6.—A bill requiring all immigrants to understand English or some other European tongue has passed both houses of Parliament. It is believed that the Imperial government will disallow it on the ground that it aims to nullify the treaty rights of the Japanese.

AN OPORTO UPRISING WAS PROMPTLY PUT DOWN.

OPORTO, February 6.—A revolt broke out here yesterday, but it was quickly suppressed.

LAGOS, Portugal, February 6.—Four British cruisers have arrived here.

LISBON, February 6.—The country is becoming more tranquil. Arrangements are being made to hold the royal funerals Saturday.

LISBON, February 5.—The Cabinet will order elections held in order to convene Parliament as soon as possible.

THE DEAD OF WINTER.

NEW YORK, February 6.—Extreme cold is general.

ESQUIMALT TO HAVE CRUISERS.

LONDON, February 6.—Four warships will be sent to the Esquimalt station in the spring.

MANCHURIAN TARIFF.

PEKING, February 6.—China and Russia have agreed upon a scale of customs duties for Manchuria.

PUBLIC PRINTER SUSPENDED.

WASHINGTON, February 5.—Public Printer Stillings has been suspended from his duties pending an official investigation of the accounts and conduct of his office.

AOKI'S PROMOTION.

TOKIO, February 5.—Former Ambassador to Washington Aoki has been created Privy Councillor.

WORK FOR THE FIGUREHEAD.

PEKING, February 5.—The Empress Dowager is encouraging the Emperor to participate in affairs of state.

TRUST COMPANY ATTACHED.

CARSON, February 5.—The State Bank Trust Company has been attached and a receiver has been appointed.

THE YARMOUTH DIVORCE.

LONDON, February 5.—The Countess of Yarmouth, formerly Miss Alice Thaw of Pittsburg, has been granted her divorce.

SAILING WITH TROOPS.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 5.—The transport Buford sailed today for Manila taking the Twenty-third Infantry.

HAWAIIANS AT WASHINGTON

**Walker Writes of Matters of
Local Interest Passing
Before Congress.**

(Mail Special to the Advertiser.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 25.—The Hawaiians here in the interest of territorial legislation have been very busy during the past week. They have found themselves in a position to advance various measures somewhat, after the long preparatory period of the last two or three months.

Next Tuesday there is to be a hearing before the Navy committee of the House, when Delegate Kalaniana'ole, Mr. George B. McClellan, Mr. H. P. Wood and probably others, will furnish some data and information regarding the improvement of Pearl Harbor. The subject of improving and fortifying Pearl Harbor and of fortifying Hawaii generally has been receiving much attention here recently and the Capitol is alert to the matter. A few days ago, Mr. James L. Coke of Maui, called on the President, accompanied by Representative Cole of Ohio. The President expressed to Mr. Coke his very great interest in the improvement of Pearl Harbor and said he wanted a drydock there. He also stated that he was going to send a special

message to Congress about the improvement of the Harbor.

Since then the President has been showing further interest in fortifying Hawaii. He has been writing to members of Congress calling their attention to the conditions there and to the necessity for appropriations. He has also talked with many Congressional leaders about the need of liberal appropriations all along the Pacific Coast and in Hawaii.

CHAIRMAN HULL'S VIEWS.

Chairman Hull, of the House Committee on Military Affairs, has received one of the President's letters. Incidentally it has converted him to the President's way of thinking, and while Mr. Hull is not a member of the committee which prepares the fortifications measure, he stands ready to give his support to a liberal bill.

"I endorse every word the President says about the desirability of fortifying not only the Pacific Coast, but the Hawaiian Islands," said Mr. Hull recently.

"The President's letter referred exclusively to Hawaii, which he apparently regards as the vital point, in a strategic sense, in the West. There is no place on the entire continental United States so greatly in need of powerful batteries as Pearl Harbor. In my opinion it is far more essential to fortify it than San Francisco, Puget Sound or any of the other coast cities."

"The reason is simple. If an enemy were to take possession of Hawaii it would have a base from which it could harass the entire Pacific Coast. Without such a base there is absolutely

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SUPERVISORS AFTER SPOILS

**The Achi Scheme for a New
Garbage Chief Is Chewed
Over.**

The supervisors held the star chatting bout of the past year at their session last night. Things went along swimmingly and at 8:30 o'clock it looked like an adjournment right away. Then Fern introduced a resolution that a new head of the Garbage department be appointed on the absurd ground that the cleanliness of the city demanded it and that Sam Johnson, the present superintendent, was too busy to give the work the attention that it needed.

It looked like a cut and dried thing—a premeditated salary graft and the Democrats fought for the resolution tooth and nail.

Chairman Hustace wanted a vote on the resolution deferred until the next meeting. Fern and company thereupon got up on their hind legs and roared. For two hours and a quarter the wordy warfare was waged with both sides insistent on their points and it was not until 10:25 that Fern and Harvey succumbed to exhaustion and Hustace rushed through a motion to adjourn.

The matter will come up for further discussion next Wednesday and in the meantime both sides will gird themselves carefully for the fray.

The Garbage department as now run gives satisfaction and for some time past the finances have taken on a rosier tinge. There is every prospect that this desirable state of affairs will continue.

The proposal to put a new man at the head of the department is clothed in vagueness as far as the question of ways and means is concerned and there is no doubt that the result of such an experiment would be that the salary of the position would go to pay a political debt or to secure a mortgage on political assistance. The county would be put to greater expense and the city wouldn't be a bit cleaner than it is today.

Present were Chairman Hustace, Supervisors Dwight, Archer, Fern, Harvey, Cox; Deputy County Attorney Milverton, W. L. Frazee, Clerks Kalaokalani and Buffandeau, Stenographer Aea, Road Supervisor Johnson, Chester Doyle, J. Bicknell, Fire Chief Thurston, Auditor Fisher.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

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IMPRESSIONS OF HONOLULU

**Ella Wheeler Wilcox Thinks
Cost of Living Here Is
Too High**

Ella Wheeler Wilcox's coming to Honolulu in the steamship Mongolia yesterday, from San Francisco, was the signal for a host of people to send up cards to room 83 at the Alexander Young Hotel, and late last evening when she who has advised, in poetry and prose, so many millions in the intricacies of the inner life returned from a pleasant trip to Waikiki with her husband, she found wedged under her door a regular mat of cards bearing the names of folks who begged an early audience. Some were from people who just wanted to feel the presence of the wonderful woman whose writings have inspired so many and helped no less; others, no doubt wished to get her autograph or a portrait, or to ask her advice, as thousands have.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox is a sweetly womanly woman with a heart as big as her mind and a mind as broad as her soul, which shines right out of her.

When great folks, great in literature, history-making or other fields of usefulness, call at Honolulu they are usually asked what they think of the country. Ella Wheeler Wilcox, that no distinctions might be made in the time-honored custom, was so interrogated.

"I was a little bit disappointed with my first look at this island from the steamship," said the poetess, "for the hills seemed somewhat barren and there was nothing that particularly

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KOLOA AND M'BRYDE IN A ROW OVER WATER RIGHTS

A special wireless message to the Hawaii Shippo from its correspondent on Kauai, received yesterday evening, is to the following effect as translated for the Advertiser:

"Big trouble has occurred between Koloa and McBryde plantations. It is about a stream of water running somewhere mauka of Koloa plantation. The water has been used sometimes by Koloa and sometimes by McBryde. Now there is a dispute over the water rights in the stream.

"Both plantations are sending laborers to the stream. There are between 100 and 200 men from both sides, who are reported to be armed, keeping watch day and night on the banks of the stream.

"Sheriff Rice has sent up a party of policemen to be ready for an emergency. It is also stated that several lawyers have been watching the progress of events so as to gather evidence.

"This information comes from two sources."

W. A. Kinney, who is largely interested in McBryde, was asked by telephone last night if he was aware of the reported trouble. He replied that the story of the dispute was a long one, but he declined to discuss the matter at that time.

GILBERT WALLER DIES IN 'SAN FRANCISCO

Gilbert Waller, Sr., a former resident of Honolulu, died in San Francisco on January 29. He had been ill two weeks. His age was probably about seventy-five years. He left no family. Gilbert J. Waller of this city was his nephew. The funeral took place from St. Paul's Roman Catholic church on January 22.

The late Mr. Waller was born at Giggleswick, Yorkshire, England, leaving there when a boy. He crossed the plains to California in the fifties, and came to the Hawaiian Islands many years ago. Here he was one of the pioneers in the sugar industry.

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SENHOR JOAQUIN FRANCO, PORTUGAL'S RETIRED DICTATOR.